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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
RESPOND TO JANUARY 27, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two-months to and including June 27, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$410.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11867.0003.NPUS00 for a two-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the extension of time, the

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